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THE
Tama County Bank
Gladbrook, Iowa.
BLOSSOM & HUGHES.

Sept 9 1889

Superintendent of Mint
Philadelphia Pa

Dear Sir

Will you please let us hear from you in regard to the 70¢ short in the recent shipment of nickels to us

We have witnesses to swear that the sack containing the nickels was 70¢ short

If I cannot get any reply from you will try at Washington It is only 70¢ to be sure yet it is just as good to us as any one else

Very Resp

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Tama County Bank

Ask information in regard to 70¢ short in Shipment of Nickels to them.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

Sept. 12, 1889.

The history of this case is, briefly, this: On the 23d August, ultimo, we shipped to two different parties, packages containing, each, $20 in 10¢ pcs and $20 in 5¢ pcs. The weights, as they are given on the U.S. Express Co's schedule, are, for the Lama Co Pkg 18.6 for the other pkge 18.04. The average weight of such amounts is 18.04.

Now the coin was of full weight when it left the mint. Had the package been short 14 5¢ pcs the weight would have been not more than 18 lbs 2 oz. As a fact it weighed 18 lbs 6 oz.

Of course the intention of the Express Co is to force us to make up the shortage. But if its own weights

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cannot be taken to mean anything, it seems to me that the Cabinet may be at the mercy of a multitude of Express agents scattered over half a continent.

Still, I am in favor of putting my hand into my pocket once more, and then we will see about it.

Cobb

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[Abstract:] Ask information in regard to 70 cent short in shipment of nickels to them.

The Tama County Bank
Gladbrook, Iowa.
September 9, 1889

Superintendent of Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir

Will you please let us hear from you in regard to the 70 cent short in the recent shipment of nickels to us.

We have witnesses to swear that the sock containing the nickels was 70 cents short.

If I cannot get any reply from you will try at Washington. It is only 70 cents to be sure yet it is just as good to us as any one else.

Very Resp.
Chas. A. Blossom, Cash.

[Enclosed note:]

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,
Superintendent's Office,
September 12, 1889

The history of this case is, briefly, this: On the 23d August, ultimo, we shipped to two different parties, packages containing, each, $20 in 1 cent pcs. and $20 in 5 cent pcs. The weights, as they are given on the U.S. Express Co. schedule are, for the Tama Co. Bk. 18.6 for the other pkg. 18.04. The assay weight of such amounts is 18.04. Now the coin was of full weight when it left the Mint. Had the package been short 14- 5 cent then per the weight would have been not more than 18 lbs. 2 oz. As a fact it weighed 18 lbs 6 oz. Of course the intention of the Express Co. is to force us to make up the shortage. But of its now weights caused to be taken to mean anything. It seems to me that the Cashier may be at the mercy of a multitude of Express agents seated over half a continent.

Still, I am in favor of putting my hand into my pocket once more, and then we will see about it.

Cobb
Cash.